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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Wands et al.
Serial No.: 09/903,216
Filed: July 11, 2001
For: Diagnosis and Treatment of Malignant Neoplasms
Examiner: Karen Canella
Group Art: 1642

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed August 14, 2003, Applicants submit a paper copy of the Amendment and Response timely filed on July 15, 2003, incorporating a status identifier for each of the claims.

A response to the Notice is due on or before September 14, 2003. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in this filing, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-032DIV2.

Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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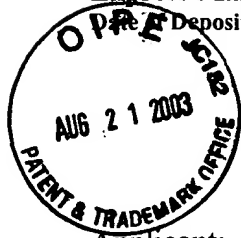
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 14, 2003 and in further response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, please amend the application as follows.



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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice)

The amendment filed 7/15/03 under the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines¹, published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003 (*Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, 1267 Off. Gazette 106), does not fully comply with minimal requirements of the voluntary practice. In order for the amendment to be entered, it must either (1) comply with the guidelines of the voluntary revised amendment practice (which practice invokes waivers of certain 37 CFR 1.121(a)-(d) requirements) or (2) comply with current 37 CFR 1.121 requirements.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) IN APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT CAUSES THE AMENDMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT WITH THE VOLUNTARY REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE.

- ☒ 1. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present in the amendment paper.
- ☐ 2. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims currently under examination.
- ☒ 3. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
- ☐ 4. Each claim has not been provided with a status identifier, and, as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be determined.
- ☐ 5. Other: _____

LIE: Check one of the following boxes:

- ☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to re-submit the amendment in compliance with either the guidelines of the revised amendment practice or current 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with either the current 37 CFR 1.121 practice or with the voluntary practice will result in non-entry of the amendment and examination on the merits will commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.
- ☒ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be a *bona fide* response, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit an amendment which complies with either the voluntary practice guidelines or current 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


Donna Chapman, Team Leader II

¹ For further explanation of the guidelines of the revised amendment format, please see the posted notice and sample amendment format at:
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